

mounted with Mr. Pruitt's swift and legally questionable repeals of E.P.A. regulations—actions that pose real and lasting threats to the nation's land, air, water and public health.

All of that is bad enough. But Mr. Pruitt recently unveiled a plan that amounts to a slow-rolling catastrophe in the making: the creation of an antagonistic "red team" of dissenting scientists to challenge the conclusions reached by thousands of scientists over decades of research on climate change. It will serve only to confuse the public and sets a deeply troubling precedent for policy-making at the E.P.A.

The red-team approach makes sense in the military and in consumer and technology companies, where assumptions about enemy strategy or a competitor's plans are rooted in unknowable human choices. But the basic physics of the climate are well understood. Burning fossil fuels emits carbon dioxide. And carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere. There is no debate about that. The link is as certain as the link between smoking and cancer.

A broad consensus of scientists also warn of the influence of the warming climate on extreme weather events. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the enormous wildfires in the Western United States and widespread flooding from monsoons in Southeast Asia are potent reminders of the cost of ignoring climate science.

As a Republican like Mr. Pruitt, I too embrace the promise of the free market and worry about the perils of overregulation. But decisions must be based on reliable science. The red team begins with his politically preferred conclusion that climate change isn't a problem, and it will seek evidence to justify that position. That's the opposite of how science works. True science follows the evidence. The critical tests of peer review and replication ensure that the consensus is sound. Government bases policy on those results. This applies to liberals and conservatives alike.

There are two sides, at least, to most political questions, and a politician's impulse may be to believe that the same holds true for science. Certainly, there are disputes in science. But on the question of climate change, the divide is stark. On one side is the overwhelming consensus of thousands of scientists at universities, research centers and the government who publish in peer-reviewed literature, are cited regularly by fellow scientists and are certain that humans are contributing to climate change.

On the other side is a tiny minority of contrarians who publish very little by comparison, are rarely cited in the scientific literature and are often funded by fossil fuel interests, and whose books are published, most often, by special interest groups. That Mr. Pruitt seeks to use the power of the E.P.A. to elevate those who have already lost the argument is shameful, and the only outcome will be that the public will know less about the science of climate change than before.

The red-team idea is a waste of the government's time, energy and resources, and a slap in the face to fiscal responsibility and responsible governance. Sending scientists on a wild-goose chase so that Mr. Pruitt, Rick Perry, the energy secretary, who has endorsed this approach, and President Trump can avoid acknowledging and acting on the reality of climate change is simply unjustifiable. And truly, it ignores and distracts from the real imperative: developing solutions that create good jobs, grow our economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Policy should always be rooted in unbiased science. The E.P.A. is too important to treat

like a reality TV show. People's lives and our country's resources are at stake. Mr. Pruitt should respect his duty to the agency's mission, end the red team and call on his agency's scientists to educate him. No doubt they're willing and eager to impart the knowledge they've dedicated their lives to understanding.

If this project goes forward, it should be treated for what it is: a shameful attempt to confuse the public into accepting the false premise that there is no need to regulate fossil fuels.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALL- EN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT) DON- ALD CLAYTON CARWILE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army First Lieutenant (1LT) Donald Clayton Carwile who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on August 15, 2008, during Operation Enduring Freedom. 1LT Carwile was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky. 1LT Carwile was killed when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb and then attacked by insurgents with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. Army Private First Class (PFC) Paul E. Conlon, Jr. of Somerville, Massachusetts was also killed.

1LT Carwile enlisted in the Army shortly after he graduated from Lafayette High School. Following a three-year enlistment, he returned home to his family after the death of his stepmother. During that time, he served as a police officer at the Batesville Police Department and later, at the Oxford Police Department. While he was working in law enforcement, 1LT Carwile earned his degree in criminal justice at the University of Mississippi.

In 2006, 1LT Carwile re-enlisted in the Army and qualified for Officer Candidate School, where he was commissioned as an infantry officer. He was assigned as a platoon leader in the 101st Airborne Division. His wife, Jennifer, was asked about her husband's experience in the Army by the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal. "He cared so much about the men in his platoon," Jennifer said. "He always said his first goal was to bring his men home, and his second, only after that, was to come home himself."

In 2016, the House and the Senate approved legislation I introduced to honor 1LT Carwile. H.R. 5309, designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 McElroy Drive in Oxford, Mississippi as the Army First Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile Post Office Building. Family, friends, emergency responders, and local officials came to the dedication ceremony held in April 2017.

1LT Carwile distinguished himself as a leader in the Army which earned him many awards. He received the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Global War on

Terrorism Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

1LT Carwile is survived by his wife, Jennifer; two daughters, Avery Claire and Elizabeth Reese; and his parents, Dennis and Judy Carwile.

1LT Carwile is a hero. We will never forget his sacrifice to protect our freedoms in this great nation. It is important to honor notable Mississippians who are willing and proud to pay that price. Everyone who passes through the doors of the post office will be reminded of a soldier who loved his country.

IN MEMORY OF GENE SULLIVAN

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a great man from my home state of Arkansas, Gene Sullivan. But I want to admit that I have struggled to come up with the right words because Gene had achieved excellence in areas that are difficult to describe adequately. First, Gene loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was a shining light to all with whom he came into contact. There are countless stories of Gene, without seeking attention, taking time out of his busy schedule to visit those who had fallen ill, offering financial help to someone in need, or lending whatever type of helping hand that was needed.

The list of water resource projects that benefited from Gene's steady hand is far too long to list. However, just recognition was bestowed upon him last year when the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts inducted Gene into the Hall of Fame.

Finally, Gene was known for being an optimist. Keep in mind, Mr. Speaker, that this could be the single biggest understatement ever made before Congress. A mutual friend once commented that it would be hard to fathom a more tireless optimist. There is no doubt in my mind that Gene derived his indefatigable optimism from his personal relationship with, and faith in, Christ. If there is one thing in life about which I have no doubt, it is that when Gene arrived at the Pearly Gates of Heaven, he was greeted with, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. VICTOR TYNES

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent on his 102nd birthday—Dr. Victor Tynes from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge this joyous milestone, filled with memories and experiences. I am grateful for the opportunity to thank Dr. Tynes for his military service. A United States Army veteran of World War II, Dr. Tynes served our country with honor. Furthermore, Dr. Tynes is a great ambassador of his alma mater, North Carolina A&T University. A member of the class of 1940, Dr. Tynes